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The meeting was called to order at 4.05 p.m.

CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS SUBMITTED BY STATES PARTIES UNDER ARTICLE 40 OF THE COVENANT (agenda item 4) (continued)

Second periodic report of Yemen (CCPR/C/82/Add.1) (continued)

1. At the invitation of the Chairman, Mr. Geghman, Mr. Musibli and Mr. Ghobar (Yemen) resumed their places at the Committee table.

2. The CHAIRMAN said that the representative of Yemen had indicated his delegation's inability to answer all the questions raised by members of the Committee at the current session. Having discussed the situation in private, the Committee had concluded that it would not continue with the consideration of the second periodic report of Yemen at the current session but would invite the Government of Yemen to send a delegation to the next session which would have prepared itself to provide the Committee with answers to the questions in the list of issues as well as with additional information requested orally or any supplementary information pertaining to the period between the sessions.

3. Mr. GEGHMAN (Yemen) said that he was in a position to answer the written questions but not the oral ones, the factual subject-matter of which he had found to be obscured by chest-beating and sermonizing. His delegation noted the Committee's decision and would attend its next session.

4. The CHAIRMAN said that the relevant summary records would be sent to the Yemeni delegation and that the Centre for Human Rights would be pleased to offer assistance in the preparation of the replies.

5. Mr. PRADO VALLEJO thanked the representative of Yemen for his readiness to prove additional detailed information at the next session and said that concrete information on torture, disappearances and summary executions would be particularly welcome.

6. Mrs. EVATT said that she, too, was glad that the Yemeni delegation was willing to take further trouble to find appropriate responses to the Committee's questions. The remark about chest-beating and sermonizing was to be deplored; it was the role of Committee members to inquire into human rights situations on behalf of victims of human rights violations who could not speak for themselves, and members always tried to perform that function with great respect for the State party.

7. Mr. Geghman, Mr. Musibli and Mr. Ghobar (Yemen) withdrew.

The public part of the meeting rose at 4.15 p.m.